





# The Star.

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**MASS MEETING.**—The Republicans of Rutherford, Polk and Cleveland counties are respectfully invited to meet at the Court House in Rutherfordton on the 25th inst., (Christmas) to nominate a candidate for this Senatorial District. Every Township in the district should send delegates. Let every Republican turn out.

**Now is the time to subscribe for the Star.**

**SEARNS** retires from the editorial department of the Newbern Times.

**We want 3500 new subscribers for the Star by the 1st of January.**

**Are you a Republican?** Then take some pride in support of your principles.

**Why don't you subscribe for the Star, instead of borrowing it from your neighbor?**

**Send in your clubs by the 1st of January, as after that time we shall withdraw our list of Premiums.**

**The Star** is the bold-est advocate of Western interests in the State. Every voter in this Congressional District should read it.

**J. O. H. NUTTALL** has retired from the editorial management of the Salisbury Examiner. J. J. STEWART is now Editor and Proprietor.

**50 dozen eggs** wanted, by the SENIOR, in payment of subscriptions to the Star, as we expect to eat and—something Christmas, provided we can get it.

**The colored people** of this place will hold a fair on the 28th inst. for the purpose of raising money to build a church. All persons are invited to attend. Preference given to the whites as before.

**The Grand Lodge, A. F. M., of North Carolina,** met in Raleigh on last Monday evening. At the time of going to press we have received no news as to the doings of that body. We will probably by our next week be able to give the elections, &c.

**The Wilmington Post** says the Asheville News has gone up. We think you are mistaken friend GRADY, the News still comes to us, and Bro. STOKES talks like he is in good health. He is only out of paper. Guess he'll be himself when he gets more paper.

**LOOK OUT.**—The Senior of the Star expects to visit Charlotte next week, when he will be glad to meet his patrons and friends, and to receive the favors of those who wish to advertise their goods, wares, and merchandise, in one of the best advertising mediums in the State.

**Make up your minds, friends,** and give us a share of your patronage.

**REV. V. A. SHARPE.**—This gentleman who has been in charge of the Rutherford Circuit of the M. E. Church, South, for the past two years, left our village a day or two since to attend the annual Conference. We believe that we express the sentiment of every Methodist on the circuit when we say

that no man could be sent here who would give as general satisfaction as Mr. SHARPE has. We hope he may be sent back to this circuit.

**LICK YOUR FLINT.**—We are informed that the County Commissioners have appointed certain men to the offices at their disposal, who are banned. This is unfortunate, as they will have to lick their flint and try again. No man can hold office from the lowest grade who is banned unless he has been pardoned. Men who are thus appointed should be careful about qualifying or acting as they might get themselves into trouble.

**THE ELECTION IN MISSISSIPPI.**—We believe it is conceded by all that ALCOCK, Republican, is elected Governor over DREY, Conservative, in Mississippi, and that the Legislature is Republican. All hail Mississippi, the disaffection of Virginia, Tennessee and Holden movement in North Carolina are all gone under. We'll bet our bottom dollar the Standard swears it was for ALCOCK, and it will no doubt be able to prove it. Look at your files PIKE, you are always on the big side after an election.

**BLIND TOM.**—This celebrated blind negro boy who gained such a notoriety as a musician in the South during the war is now playing the Piano to the Ohioans.

**The Circleville Union** says of him:

"Without understanding a single rudiment of music, he can compose gems of rare artistic ability. He can perform the *secundo* to any piece of music that can be produced; then, changing seats, play the *primo*. He can perform music correctly with his back to the piano, in fact, he is a wonder such as the world never before beheld, or, in all probability, ever will again; therefore, it is a duty you owe to yourself to go and hear him."

The Star of Rutherfordton contains a very violent attack upon Governor Holden, and we hope that the editor has other stimulus besides mere personal feeling when he arraigns the State Executive.—*Wm. Post.*

Certainly, we have other feelings; we have the feeling that we are tax-payers, and that the Star represents a class of the hard working tax-payers of the State, who do not make their living by speculation, but by the sweat of their brow, and so long as we speak for them we shall denounce corruption, let it come from what source it may. We are Republicans, we were born Whigs, raised up in the faith, and believe in honesty, and while we are determined to stick to Republicanism we cannot wink at the rascality which it seems to us the Post with its ability ought to see in Governor Holden's course.

**LEGISLATURE.**—A bill has passed the House of Representatives "extending the incorporation limits of the town of Rutherfordton," and also a bill "to incorporate Rock Spring Camp Ground." They are still discussing the investigation of our railroads, and we hope will make their investigation thorough before they quit.

A resolution has been introduced in the Senate requesting Governor HOLDEN to remove W. A. SMITH, President of the North Carolina Railroad. Why not include MILTON SWINDLER LITTLEFIELD, ANDREW JACKSON JONES and WILLIAM (M. D.) SLOAN? A resolution has passed both Houses to take a recess from the 20th inst to the 3d of January.

We believe nothing further of interest has been done.

If you want a good newspaper, subscribe for the Star.

"In the town of Rutherfordton a paper called the Star is published. One of its editors is crazy because he was not appointed engraving clerk."—*Raleigh Standard.*

Yes, and in the city of Raleigh there is a paper called the Standard, and the name which appears as Editor is a hired writer for a man who does not publicly deny that he is a SWINDLER, nor do we believe he can. If he can let him refute the affidavit published in the Old North State a few weeks since from a Florida man.

It is easy to cry *crazy*, &c., &c., but before we would write at the biddings of a man whose character is such as MILTON SWINDLER LITTLEFIELD, we would prefer to take up our abode in the Penitentiary for a term of years.

**THE REGISTER.**—This Journal published at Greensboro by a professed Republican, is out in an article denouncing the course of the Legislature, and makes, we fear, a pretext of "salaries and fees" and "holding over to 1872." Now, we, as Republicans, have opposed both these things, but we can tell the Register that the people are not so much opposed to either of these as they are to the recklessness of our Executive who by placing the control of our railroads in the hands of men, who by rings, cliques and dishonesty have ruined the credit of our State. If the Register would look to the interest of the party, he would denounce these things first, or in other words let him commence at the root of the tree, before trimming branches. We have no confidence in the professed friendship of a man who will denounce small evils, and wink at large ones. Come, friend THOMPSON, commence on big swindles first.

**To The Republicans of Rutherford, Polk and Cleveland Counties.**

In another column will be found a proclamation of the Governor, setting apart Saturday, the 8th of January, 1870, for an election to fill a vacancy in the Senate, caused by the resignation of Capt. J. B. Eaves. The district is largely Republican, and with the harmony and energy usually displayed in the Western counties, a sound, reliable Republican will be elected. The attention of both parties will be upon the result of the election; therefore, we call upon the Republicans to turn out in full force and roll up an overwhelming Republican majority. The party expects it and it must be done. We have sounded the alarm, the issue is with the Republicans of the district. We have no fears of the result.—*Raleigh Standard.*

For the sake of Republicanism do not say a word in regard to the race in these three counties, if you do we are ruined here; we could not elect President GRANT for dog-pelter in these counties if endorsed by the Standard. So please hold still until the election is over, and then you can claim that you did it. We will be perfectly content with that course from you.

**The Western Railroad.** We desire to know what Mr. ANDREW JACKSON JONES, has done with his bonds issued to the Western Railroad. We believe two millions of bonds were issued. We are reliably informed that the bonds were delivered to Mr. JONES some time ago, and as yet, not a shovel full of dirt has been thrown towards completing the road. We understand the people along the line of the road from Fayetteville to Salisbury, are clamoring for the work to commence on the whole line of the road, at once.

We understand Mr. JONES spent the entire summer in New York, and that he could be found on wall street most of that time. If he was not there speculating in the bonds

of his road, we desire to know what he was doing there. He belongs to the Ring; therefore, we desire that he make an exhibit of what he has done since he was elected President.

**Railroad Investigations.** The proceedings of the Legislature shows that a strong effort is being made for the purpose of inquiring into the alleged frauds said to have been committed by certain Railroad Presidents of the State. The matter has been postponed until the report of the Superintendent of Public Works is made to the Legislature. We are pleased to see that the Legislature intends to pass a bill authorizing the Superintendent of Public Works to make the investigations referred to in this article. We trust the bill introduced by Mr. LASSITER, the Senator from the County of Granville, will pass the Senate as amended by the Senator from Jackson, Mr. LOVE. It is the duty of the Superintendent of Public Works to make the investigation which the people demand concerning the various Railroads. The bill of Mr. LASSITER, in its original character, was too expensive, and provided that the Governor should appoint a commission of five who should proceed to make the investigation. We think the bill as introduced by Mr. LASSITER was simply absurd, and calculated to cost the State a considerable amount, and end in whitewashing the frauds of every one of the Governor's appointees. While we have every confidence in the integrity and honesty of Mr. LASSITER, we think he was imposed upon; and that the bill has certainly drawn in the interests of the Ring.

We hope no frauds have been committed. If there have been none, we do not see why M. S. LITTLEFIELD and W. W. HOLDEN should have been upon the floor of the Senate, endeavoring to lobby the bill through. In another column, will be found the bill alluded to.

**The Election.** Remember that Saturday the 8th day of January is the day of the election, for Senator, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Capt. J. B. Eaves. All true Republicans should keep this in mind, and make every day count from now until that time. All are alike interested, and it is the duty of all to labor for his interest, and the interest of his friends. Let no Republican be idle, every one should work, and work diligently, until the election is over, and a good and reliable man elected. We urge upon the people of Rutherford, Cleveland and Polk, the necessity of their united efforts.—You must not be too confident of success, but work as if you thought every vote was necessary to make the election sure. We can carry the District by at least five hundred, but we want to do even better than that. Let us carry it by six, seven, or eight hundred or a thousand, if we can. Let us not be satisfied until we have done our very best, and to do this every man must work.

Then we say no time is to be lost. The Democrats are going to make a desperate effort to elect their man. We assure you that they will leave no stone unturned. They will never rest until they drag every man to the polls that will vote their ticket. They will not even stop at this, but they will resort to threats, intimidation and any underhanded means that they can, to elect their man. Their object will be, if they cannot elect a Democrat this time, to make the race as

close as they can, thinking that they can succeed next summer.

Again we say Republicans to your posts! Work early and late. See to it that every Republican goes to the polls and votes. Nominate your best man and then see to it that he is elected. If every man will do his duty we have nothing to fear.

Let the watch word be *work, work, WORK.*

**Editorial Correspondence.**

RALEIGH, Dec. 1st, 1869.

DEAR STAR:—We did not think at the time of writing our last letter, that we should remain in the City of Oaks until now, and therefore have not taken as much pains, in compiling news for this letter as we should have done.

We will only send a Short communication this week, but if we should remain until next week, we will try and do better.

**THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

This body is progressing slowly, owing to the fact that they had to commence with the beginning of the session anew, and have not got fairly underway. We think however they have started with the "right foot foremost," and that much good may be expected of their deliberations, during this session.

There seems to be more wisdom of forethought manifested, and there is a manifest spirit among all the members, to enact none but good and useful laws, and to repeal those that are obnoxious and calculated to work to disadvantage, and injury. There is also a strong disposition, on the part of the General Assembly, to investigate certain alleged frauds and misuse of State Bonds appropriated to the different Railroads in our State. The Senate has postponed any action on the subject until the report of the Superintendent of Public Works is sent in, which will be about the 7th inst. The House have been in haste, have organized themselves into a committee of the whole, and gone to work, but as yet there has been but little accomplished.

**THE RING.**

The ring seems to be in hot water, apparently uneasy about the investigation. The ring master Gen. Littlefield, in company with the managing agent G. W. Swenson, have departed for parts unknown, and it is evident from the excitement manifested by the mainspring, and the lesser lights, that the shoe is pinching somebody. We hope it may raise a corn on some of their toes.

**THE DEAF AND DUMB ASYLUM.**

We were present at an exhibition, given by the pupils of this noble institution, to the members of the General Assembly on last night, and are proud to say that it was in every sense, a complete success. Professor Palmer the Superintendent of the Institution, certainly deserves the praise of every North Carolinian, for the noble manner in which he has conducted this school, and the undoubted interest he has taken in the advancement of each and every pupil. There are now in all, about 160 children under the charge and care of this Institution, about 120 white children, and some 35 colored. The colored department, was opened on the 7th of last January, and we are informed that the colored pupils are progressing far beyond the expectations of any one.

We will state for the information of the friends of the children that have been sent from our section of country,

that they are making a fair beginning, and are learning very fast. May God smile upon this Institution, and these unfortunate children.

**THE INSANE ASYLUM.**

We have not had the pleasure of visiting this Institution yet, but are informed from the best sources, that the control and management of Dr. Grissom, the Institution is in every respect doing splendidly.

This institution is full to overflowing, and there are still outstanding applications for at least a hundred more, of this unfortunate class.

We hope the General Assembly will do all they can to meet the demands of this Institution. We feel confident that Dr. Grissom will do his part to the letter, and to the satisfaction of all.

**JUNIOR.**

**W. W. Holden.**

The name at the head of this article, is perhaps, more upon the lips of the people of this State than that of any other man. We propose to deal with him for his mismanagement of the affairs of the State; having thereby caused to a greater extent than any other man, the present disorganized condition of the republican party.

It is a fact, that will not be denied, that Gov. Holden is a good worker, and does well when his course is marked out for him, and he follows, instead of trying to lead. In about five months he destroyed the provisional government established by Andrew Johnson, notwithstanding the whole power and influence of the United States government was at his back. In less than eighteen months he has well-nigh ruined the republican party in this State. It may be asked by some, who have eyes and yet do not see, what has Gov. Holden done, that he has well-nigh ruined the republican party in this State? We will give some of the reasons why we say he is responsible for the present condition of the State and party: In the first place, he struck a blow at the people when he recommended the repeal of the Stay Law. In the next place, he endeavored to crush, break down, and make a nonentity of the Superintendent of Public Works, because the designs of the Ring could not be advanced through any one so well as the Governor himself. Again, he courted favor, and did all he could to place in power men who have fed worse than vultures, upon the poor and impoverished laborers of North Carolina. Again, he connived at, if not actually aided in the speculation of the bonds of the State, and thus helped to place the bonds at their present depreciated value.

Lastly, he has, in making appointments, shown the demagogue and narrow-mindedness, that would better grace any other man, than a Chief-Magistrate of a great State. Instead of acting for the good of the entire State, he has carried out selfish aims for selfish purposes, to the serious detriment of the State, and party. Take for an instance, the directors on the Wilmington, Charlotte, and Rutherford Railroad. Without considering who would make the best president, who would be most acceptable to the party, and without consulting the interests of the road, men were appointed for the express purpose of electing Wm. Sloan president. A man totally unfit to fill any place of trust and profit, and a man that does not possess the confidence of any class of people except such as himself. Other appointments just as bad have been made by the Governor. These are some

of the reasons why we charge Gov. Holden with being responsible for the present unstable condition of the State, the depreciation of our bonds, and the present disorganized condition of the party.

We desire to see the republican party built up, and controlled by honest, worthy men, who will add strength to the party day after day, and not detract all the time. Unless the party refuses to follow the lead of Gov. Holden, right now, the election next Summer will show that there is very little of what was the republican party left. If Gov. Holden is not blind to everything around him, he must know that he is losing strength every day by his present course; and that the best thing he can do for himself and the party, will be to content himself with merely administering the laws, and allow others more able, and who possess the confidence of the people to lead and control the party.

We cannot follow Gov. Holden. We will not follow the Standard and those who control it. We want a new paper started at once in Raleigh. We want a paper that will truthfully express the views of the party; boldly and fearlessly edited by a man of high standing and acknowledged ability. Such a paper backed up by the true republicans of the State, would very soon restore the party to its former triumphant position.

Most of the leading spirits of the republican party up to this time, must pass from the stage. Back seats will be provided for them; and whether they like it or not, the people will see to it that they occupy the seats provided.

We desire to say to the voters of this congressional district, that we will oppose any and all men who endorse or in any manner favor the policy of Gov. Holden. There is no middle ground. Men must show their hands at the proper time. We are astonished to see the Pioneer sticking so close to the Ring. Instead of battling for the rights of Western North Carolina, and standing up for western men and measures, and denouncing corruption and the Ring, the Pioneer plays into the hands of Gov. Holden and the Ring. Be independent. Take a bold stand for what is right, and stick to it. You are in bad company, neighbor.

**Commissioners Courts.**

We have received a statement from James Ledbetter, chairman of the board of McDowell County, showing the amounts paid the Commissioners and Clerk for the past year.

They have been in session 18 days, \$3 pr day makes \$324.00 900 miles, mileage at 5c .45.00 No. children in S. dis. 66.00

\$435.00

Making total expenses for Commissioners Courts in that County \$435. The board have agreed for the next year to reduce their per diem to \$2 per day, and to only meet once in three months.

This action of the Commissioners deserves special mention in these hard times, few men in office will voluntarily consent to lower their own fees. This report shows another thing that McDowell has got along with at least, two thirds less expense than our county, while it is nearly as large a county as this.

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## The Biblical

It will be our readers that comments a few an article from the two Prolamati fairly with the / comments, we g in full so that a as to whether wrong. That and in his reply our language i such parts of se very a different instance we said "that it was on uncalled for art gives it "most u We only mentio his disposition t the whole tru retracting what the Recorder ap Ku Kluxes, we the subjects de are such decis wise men woul understood the this impression ly was an endo midnight meet endorsement, it of conscience to gy" but the / has not done a we take this d tends no such glad to think t what we with derstood him to claim that que Ku Klux are o midnight mee determined by men in public We can ag that, but not decided &c," lack of confide &c., as the Re tainly plainly ticle. The Re -We condemn proclamation, b hallabaloos has an excuse to publi incendiaries, rob We thought it v force the laws qu let the certainty offenders. To p of our governme honest immigran from all the the If you cond lamation on "hallabaloos" ( way of saying every swear use the word why did you judges as M &c., were to g ties that they law. You kn could not be s ties to enforce therefore pro tency of our was according gument tryin honest immigr villians from States." But you wish any think that yo fare of the sta of which you gan, but bein and perhaps some suppose yourself tontt upon due refl not have use article in all ed for its rec kind spirit, a bers of your county who and who can see you sluri which they b find in anoth day's paper at Cottage Vilit one of our ab one we are a takes the sa question that it and believe intended exce the cause wh advocates.







